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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312

In response to the Examiner's telephone call of October 19, 2004, applicants  
request entry of the following amendment.